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KC MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO ROLE IN CRACK COCAINE CONSPIRACY

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man pleaded guilty in federal court today to conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine.

Randolph D. Douglas, 27, of Kansas City, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Ortrie D. Smith this morning.

By pleading guilty, **Douglas** admitted that he conspired to distribute crack cocaine between Aug. 12 and 24, 2004, in Jackson County, Mo. Specifically, **Douglas** admitted that he participated in the distribution of over 50 grams of crack cocaine.

Douglas was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Sept. 15, 2004, in Kansas City.

As a result of pleading guilty, **Douglas** may be subject to a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years in federal prison without parole up to life in prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$4 million. A sentencing hearing has been scheduled to take place on April 15, 2004.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David DeTar Newbert. The case was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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